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Dear Ms. Brubaker,

The purpose of this letter is to express support of the *EPA Online Municipal Stormwater Funding Training Course* developed recently by U.S. EPA Region 9. This course addresses a need identified in California for more comprehensive training for municipalities to improve support for their stormwater programs through capacity building.

The State Water Resources Control Board's *Strategy to Optimize Resource Management of Stormwater*¹ demonstrates California's commitment to support municipal stormwater programs by implementing a project to *Eliminate Barriers to Funding Stormwater Programs and Identify Funding for Stormwater Capture and use Projects* (Stormwater Funding Project). The Final Stormwater Funding Project Staff Report² includes recommendations for the State Water Board to collaborate with U.S. EPA as it develops training and outreach materials for jurisdictions to build public support for stormwater programs, establish funding strategies, estimate costs, and engage private sector partners.

State Water Board staff reviewed and provided input to the *draft EPA Online Municipal Stormwater Funding Training* materials delivered to U.S. EPA Headquarters. Once approved, we intend to promote this course in California to assist jurisdictions interested in leveraging multiple funding programs for municipal stormwater program management.

¹https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/storms/

²https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/storms/docs/storms_stormwater_funding_report.pdf

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We look forward to continued collaboration between our agencies to further support and promote funding of municipal stormwater programs and projects. If you have any questions, please contact Annalisa Kihara at Annalisa.Kihara@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 324-6786.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Mogus", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Karen Mogus
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cc: David Smith, Manager, U.S. EPA Region 9

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